terms of Section 3 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has introduced Communication Convergence Bill, 2001 in Parliament on 31.8.2001, for the establishment of an autonomous Commission to regulate carriage of all forms of communications including cable.

Growth in advertisement industry

†2286. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that advertisement industry has registered massive growth during the last few years;

(b) if so, its annual growth rate during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and the last nine months of the year 2001-2002; and

(c) the total amount of business transacted by the advertisement industry during the said years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) This information is not maintained by this Ministry. However, an extract from a recent report of the Economic Times on the Entertainment Sector showing total ad spend since 1990 and projection upto 2005 is annexed as Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2281]

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.